Former President Leans Strongly Toward Acceptance of Baseball Position, but Declines Executive Duties

NO EXECUTIVE WORK

Again Emphasizes Unwillingness to Accept Active Position in Running Baseball.

MACK SURPRISES FRAZEE

American League Leader of Revolt Had Counted on Philadelphia Support.

By FREDERICK G. LIEB.

Organized Baseball may induce William Howard Taft to become identified with it only if it proceeds in a calm. tudicious way. That was the impression sectived by the writer last night after talk with the former President at the some of his brother, Henry W. Taft, in

Mr. Taft declared that he was giving erious consideration to the baneball offer made him last Saturday by Harry Tempstend of the Giants and Harry

France of the Boston Red Sox, but only in the capacity that he outlined in his statement last Sunday night.

"I had a pleasant talk with Mr. Hempstead and Mr. France on Saturday" said Mr. Taft, "and I think I coviday the property of the stateday," said Mr. Taft, "and I think I covered the ground entirely in the statement I gave out on Sunday night. I outlined the points under which I said I might be able to consider the offer, and that remains my attitude. There also are outside conditions of which I spoke to them, which must be taken into consideration. If I do accept the position sust entall no executive duties. I think

I have made that plain.
The situation, therefore, remains unchanged. I am giving the proposition consideration, but as yet have reached

other club owners urging him to acostead and Frazee.

ient. "Such telegrams may have been ent to me in Washington, however."

Though Mr. Taft declined to go at most into the matter, the most be sat upon. He cannot run the learner." day." continued the smiling ex-Presilength into the matter, the interviewer's

the baseball people want him to fulfil Taft, although he had authority to do and the nature of the cases which he would be obliged to decide. This just owners, row is a delicate matter among the "I think the National League has

dreds of small cases, taking up such matters as a few days back pay owed to players, expenses to and from minor league clubs, &c., which the general public never heard of. A man of Mr. Taft's calibre could not and would not spare the time to hear such trivial cases.

Discord May Spoil It.

Pracee yesterday expressed surprise

cept the position. I thought the base-tail men in the East would get up a special party to-day to wait on Mr. Taft in New Haven and urge him to accept our offer."

approval.

"I did not wire him." said Mr. Ball.

"I think Mr. Taft has the finest judicial in him in the country and is in all respects a great man. But I object to having

Granife State and Mine Sweepers

des that there was lack of concord among the owners as to his filling the

Pitt for War Fund

Special Desputch to Tun Sen. NNAPOLIS, Md., Nov. 25 .- In reply to a proposal of the United War Work Committee that Fittsburg should play the Naval Academy in football for the benefit of the fund in New York on Satur-day or December 7 the Naval Acad-emy authorities to-day suggested a game between the teams at Annap-

The suggestion was made directly by Rear Admiral Edward W. Eberle, superintendent of the Naval Acad only. It further was stated that an admission charge might be made. This never has been done at the This never has been done at the Academy, but there is no objection under the circumstances. The permanent stand at the Academy seats 7.300 persons, and there are temporary stands for about 3,000 more. Standing room could be found for six or eight thousand. It is certain that the grounds would be crowded by visitors from Baltimore, Washington and other nearby points.

The Naval Academy team will rest for a day or two but will not break training and will be ready to resume practice if there is any chance of playing the game. Prog-

chance of playing the game. Progress in the negotiations is awaited with great interest here.

MUST SIT ON FRAZEE, SAYS CONNIE MACK

Head of Athletics Pronounces Offer to Taft a High Handed Proceeding.

Special Despatch to Tun Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25 .- Connie Mack, Messrs. Frazee and Hempstead in sak- Dr. ing Mr. Taft to accept the office of at

Hempstead and Frazee.

"No, I have not received any such telegrams, nor have I seen any of the baseball people since my talk with Mr. Hempstead and Mr. Frazee last Saturity in possible for the American League it practically impossible for the American League.

length into the matter, the interviewer's impression was that Mr. Tait considers the next move must come from baseball and that he will not discuss the question any further until baseball makes him a genuine offer, and Messrs. Hempstead and Frazee give him the information he has asked for.

He wants to know just what duties the baseball needle want him to fulfill.

row is a delicate matter among the "I think the National League has club owners who are most desirous of taken a very important step for the bringing Mr. Taft into baseball in some capacity.

"I think the National League has taken a very important step for the good of baseball, and it is now up to the American League to be in accord

Mr. Frazee expressed fear that the Mesers Frazee and Hempstead's plans objections of some of the club owners on wished on me in any such officer any inconsequential grounds might spoil the ner. Frazee has no authority from any one to submit such a proposition on be-

POINT FOR WINDUP

Get Hardest Drill of Season in Preparation for Thursday's Game at Syracuse.

entire Columbia varsity squad and put his charges through the stiffest drill of the season, in preparation for the

Dr. Thomas Lawton, physical director at Mireola aviation fields: Joseph Gru-ticket seller at the ball park, and Chris-

opher Bose, gatekeeper.
"You saw the ball game, didn't you?" asked Masistrate Folwell of Felix J. Pryor and Henry Kell, who presented the application. They admitted they

Boston did. why didn't you arrest the offenders on the spot".

The policemen said they were ordered

"Give my compliments to your superior," replied Magistrate Folwell, "and rior," replied Magistrate Folwell, "and tell him I don't care what his orders were. He has no right to put the matter

SHAKEUP AT DARTMOUTH.

Squad Driven Hard, With Penn Game the Objective.

eral rearrangement of the back field and the line. The team will be driven hard after its defeat by Brown in an effort

TAFT, HERE, WANTS Navy Ready to Play | COLUMBIA PLAYERS | HIGH LIGHTS AND SHADOWS | STECHER-ZBYSZKO IN ALL SPHERES OF SPORT

VEN if William Howard Taft should decline the singular position offered to him by various major league owners the tender will have served a good purpose. It already has indicated to the baseball followers of this country that a majority of the major league officials admit the error of their ways and the present system in Organized Baseball, and Fred Dawson yesterday mustered his that they really are anxious to rectify their mistakes and subject the body politic of the game to a thorough overhauling. They realize that on their game at Syracuse on Thanksgiving endeavor to regain public confidence and the support of the boys who soon Day. Every man who played against will come marching home.

They know that the system which has made possible such netty bloker. ability to charge the system from top to bottom hinges the success of their city will be staged to-night in Madison

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manager of the Athletics, who stamped court yesterday for the arrest of officials who were in charge of the foot-ball game between the Mineola Fliery and Camp Dix at Ebbets Field on Sunday was desired. The petition asked of the circumstances the American League constitution, however, and the circumstances the action taken by for the arrest of Charles Ebbets, Jr.

Thomas Lawton, physical director.

Mationals raises an interesting question in Sational League court yesterday for the arrest of officials who were in charge of the foot-ball game between the Mineola Fliery and Camp Dix at Ebbets Field on Sunday was denied. The petition asked could indorse the action taken by for the arrest of Charles Ebbets, Jr.

Thomas Lawton, physical director.

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segue, even should be be a stockholder.
Section 62 of the National League reads as follows: "At every meet ing each club shall be entitled to two representatives, and to have in addition thereto any of its officers or ex-officers present; but no club shall be permitted to send as a representative any person under contract or engagement to it as a ball player or manager."

This section would, of course, prevent the participation of Mitchell the internal affairs of the National League as long as he remained manager of the Cubs, even if he should hold the presidency of the club question was raised once before, and oddly enough it also concerned the Chicago National League club. Frank Chance, the former Peerless Leader of Cub fame, owned 10 per cent. of the Cub stock, but as long as he was manager of the club he was never permitted to represent his interests at National League meetings. Tet when Harry Ackerland bought the Chance holdings in the Chicago Nationals he gained entry into the league meetings.

That the Chicago National owners could get a new president easier than they could sign a new manager of Mitchell's type cannot be gainsaid. Mitchell, by winning the championship in his second year in Chicago, proved himself a brilliant tactician. Whether the Cubs would do as well with Mitchell president and an underling acting as team manager is a question. Heretofore poor results have been obtained where a team is under the direction of a manager who is under continual orders from the president's

No Rule to Cover Incident at Annapolis.

what cases would Mr. Taft be said to decide? While such cases as the George Sisier and Scott Perry cases received lots of publicity, heretofore the National Commission has handled hundred of said cases, taking up such cases, taking up such cases as the George Sisier and Scott Perry cases might happen should the American out of the Darimouth football circles here yesterday was divided between the downfall of Georgia Tech and the peculiar meident at Annapolis.

No Rule to Cover Incident at Annapolis.

Discussion in football circles here yesterday was divided between the downfall of Georgia Tech and the peculiar meident at Annapolis afternoon took the form of a sensitive field and this afternoon took the form of a sensitive field and the peculiar meident at Annapolis last twick a free field a Navy substitute jumped from the line. The team will be driven hard downfall of Georgia Tech and the peculiar incident at Annapolis last toward the Navy goal, with a free field, a Navy substitute jumped from the side lines and stopped the man with the ball. The officials allowed to make a better showing against Penn Great Lakes a touchdown, from which the goal was kicked, and the Navy at Philadelphia Thursday. BALL BEATS ABOUT BUSH. at Philadelphia Thursday was beaten. Reports of the game had it that the officials had no other Streng right end, will be unable to course open but to award the touchdown to Great Lakes. The score indicates He is No Supporter of play Thursday because of a sprained really was allowed by courtesy of the Navy. If the question had been

the Prace Faction.

Et. Louis, Mo., Nov. 25.—Phil Ball. president of the St. Louis American president of the St. Louis American league club, said to-day that he had, the showing he made on Saturday, and not indersed the plan of Harry Hemp- in all probability Thornton will be dis-Search of the football rules falls to reveal any section whereby Great HIGH WATER FOR LOCAL ANGLERS FROM NOVEMBER 20 TO DECEMBER 1. a greater aptitude in grasping the impertance of obtaining Mr. Taft's servloss for baseball.

"I thought everybody would see what
a wonderful thing it would be for baseball if we could induce Mr. Taft to accept the position. I thought the baseball mr. Taft to accept the position. I thought the baseball mr. Taft to accept the position. I thought the baseball mr. Taft to accept the position. I thought the baseball mr. Taft to accept the position. I thought the baseball mr. Taft to accept the position. I thought the baseball mr. Taft to accept the position. I thought the basestead and Harry Frazee to have W. H.

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of the point to day we asked William Langford, best of the referees, what he would have been will be dismission." He said he had received a will be made to get Sanderson in shape of
the point. No doubt the exext meet. No doubt t

"In case the play is interfered with by some act palpibly wifair and not elsewhere provided for in these rules, either the referee or the umpire shall have the power to award five words to the offended side. . ." New Hampshire.

If the officials wanted to penalize the Navy for having twelve players on the field they could have given them no worse than fifteen yards. John one to submit such a proposition on behalf of the American League. Until the league meets and discusses any plan it obviously has no official standing. Any changes of rolling with the control of the co

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M'ATEE RIDES TRIO BOUT HEADS CARD OF BOWIE WINNERS

Big Wrestling Carnival Will Pilots Athlone Out of Maiden Class, and Minto 2d. and Poor Butterfly Too.

> Special Despatch to THE SUN. BALTIMORE, Nov. 25 .- Jockey McAtee showed a flash of his old time riding form by winning three races at Bowie In ... to-day. He won on Athlone, Minto II.
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> and Poor Butterfly. Athlone and Minto
> II. were favorites, but each paid better
> than even money. Poor Butterfly paid a
> tirifle more than 4 to I. Athlone by wintirifle more than 4 to I. Athlone by winting the first race by a length and a
> half was graduated from the ranks of
> half was graduated from the ranks of
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> the maidens. Athlone has started only
> three times. She was hurt last summer
> three times. She was hurt last summer
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> three times. The won on Athlone and Minto
> John Gaddi of the St. Barfinolomew's
> Athletic Club, who in 1918 won the national 175 pound amateur boxing champlonship, in a letter received by a friend
> in this city yesterday writes that he is
> in a hospital in France. He is recovering from wounds received in action.
> Gaddi's arms and logs were struck by
> shrapnel.

ROD AND GUN NEWS

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EASTMAN AND HUNT WIN.

Defeat W. Kerrigan and Farrell in Golf Match at Van Cortlandt.

Frank Eastman and Frank Hunt yesterday defeated Willie Kerrigan and
Jack Farrell in a best ball professional
golf match over the Van Cortlandt Park
links, 7 up and 5 to play.
Eastman, with a 71, returned the best
individual score, while his partner was
second best with 74. Kerrigan was the
third best individual, with 79, and Farrell last, with 83. The scores:

Eastman and Hunt. 1 1 3 4 1 1 1 3 5-25 Total, 67 Kerrigan and Farrell. 5 7 5 4 5 4 3 3 4 - 56. Total, 76

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